

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2004. The Examiner's comments in said Office Action have been carefully considered.

Claims 1-5 have been rejected by the Examiner as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, for reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Claims 1-5 have herein been amended to address the Examiner's rejections, and the necessary corrections have been made, together with other changes to more clearly define the invention. It is now believed that claims 1-5, as amended, particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as the invention.

The Abstract of the Disclosure has also been amended to more clearly summarize the invention.

New claims 6-8 have been added to define features originally set forth in the claims on which they depend. They do not introduce new matter. Claims 6-8 should be allowed with the allowance of amended claims 1-5.

While the Examiner has cited prior art, such prior art was not relied upon. During a telephone conference with Examiner D. Jacob Davis on June 7, 2004, the Examiner confirmed that the original claims distinguished over the cited prior art and that these claims would be allowed, unless new, more relevant art was uncovered. Amended claims 1-5, except for some relatively minor details, substantially correspond to the original claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-8 are in condition for allowance.